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ACCESSIONS TO THE LIBRARY FROM NOVEMBER 22ND TO DECEMBER 13TH, 1869.—‘C. F. v. Martius. Ein Lebensbild.’ Von Dr. H. Schramm. Lockhart’s ‘Medical Missionary in China, 1861.’ Donor, the Rev. J. G. Wood. ‘Sketches of North America and the Oregon Territory.’ By Captain H. Warre. Donor, the author. ‘The Water Supply of Jerusalem, Ancient and Modern.’ By J. I. Whitty. Donor, the author. ‘Journal of an Overland Journey from China to India—the Plains of Hopeh.’ By T. J. Cooper. Calcutta, 1869. Donor, the author. ‘Scenery of Scotland, in Connexion with its Physical Geology.’ By A. Geikie. 1865. Purchased. ‘Scenery of England and Wales, &c.’ By D. Mackintosh. 1869. Purchased. ‘Reise in das Gebiet des Weissen Nil in 1862-64.’ Von M. Th. v. Heuglin. Leipsig, 1869. Donor, the author. ‘The Antiquities of Cambodia’ (Photograph Illustrations). 1867. By J. Thompson. Purchased. ‘Travels in Mantchu Tartary.’ By G. Fleming. 1863. Purchased. ‘Yeddo and Pekin.’ By R. Fortune. 1863. Purchased. ‘Ancient Sea Margins.’ By R. Chambers. 1848. Purchased. ‘Dyaks of Borneo.’ By F. Boyle. 1865. Purchased. ‘Les Naufrages (Iles Auckland).’ Par F. E. Raynal. Paris, 1870. Donor, the President. ‘Rhône et Danube.’ Par E. Des Jardins. Paris, 1870. Donor, the author.

ACCESSIONS TO THE MAP-ROOM SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22ND, 1869.—Map of the Suez Canal, &c. By A. K. Johnston. Presented by the author. Central America, Costa Rica. By A. Frantzius. A Map of the North and South Polar Regions, showing the Routes of Explorers. A Map of the Basin of the Nile, from Alexandria to Lake Albert Nyanza. By M. Heuglin. A Map of Turkey in Europe. All presented by A. Petermann, Esq.

The PRESIDENT opened the business of the meeting by the following remarks on the subject of a letter from Dr. Livingstone to Dr. Kirk, written at Ujiji, May 30, 1869, which had appeared in the newspapers of the morning :\*—

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\* The following is a correct copy of this letter, as communicated to the Society by the India Office :—

*From Dr. David Livingstone to John Kirk, Esq., Political Agent, Zanzibar.*

Dated 30th May, 1869.

“This note goes by Musa Kamaals, who was employed by Koorji to drive the buffaloes hither, but by overdriving them unmercifully in the sun and tying them up to save trouble in herding, they all died before he got to Unyanyembe. He witnessed the plundering of my goods, and got a share of them, and I have given him beads and cloth sufficient to buy provisions for himself on the way back to Zanzibar. He has done nothing here. He neither went near the goods here, nor

"Much as I regret to find, by the letter which has been printed in the 'Times' of this day, that the intrepid traveller had recently to contend with difficulties owing to the misconduct of certain Arabs, it is for us geographers to admire still more the indomitable resolution with which he was preparing to conclude his labours. The very words preceding his last paragraphs express so entirely what I surmised would be my absent friend's final endeavour, whether I was addressing this Society or explaining my views to others, that I cannot forbear from quoting them. 'As to the work to be done by me (says Livingstone), it is only to connect the sources which I have discovered from 500 to 700 miles south of Speke's and Baker's with their Nile.'

"Let us, therefore, hope that this intended effort has ere now been crowned with success, and that no long period will elapse before we are rejoiced in welcoming him home. At the same time, we must be prepared for the possible contingency that the waters of the Lake Tanganyika should be found not to flow northwards into the Lake Albert Nyanza, but to be deflected to the west; and in that case, if Livingstone should be adequately supplied with carriers and provisions, he will, I doubt not, follow these waters, and thus, being led on perhaps to the Congo, we may once more be subjected to a long and anxious period of suspense."

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tried to prevent their being stolen on the way. I supposed that pay for four months in coming, other four of rest, and four in going back, would be ample; but I leave this to your decision. I could not employ him to carry my mail back, nor can I say anything to him, for he at once goes to the Ujijians and gives his own version of all he hears. He is untruthful and ill-conditioned, and would hand over the mail to any one who wished to destroy it. The people here, like the Kilwa traders, are haters of the English. Those Zanzibar men whom I met between this and Nyassa were gentlemen, and traded with honour. Here, as in the haunts of the Kilwa hordes, slaving is a series of forays, and they dread exposure by my letters; no one will take charge of them. I have got Thani bin Suellim to take a mail privately for transmission to Unyanyembe. It contains a cheque on Ritchie, Stewart, and Co., of Bombay, for 2000 rupees and some forty letters written during my slow recovery. I fear it may never reach you. A party was sent to the coast two months ago. One man volunteered to take a letter secretly; but his master warned them all not to do so, because I might write something he did not like. He went out with the party, and gave orders to the head-man to destroy any letter he might detect on the way. Thus, though I am good friends outwardly with them all, I can get no help in procuring carriers, and, as you will see if the mail comes to hand, I send to Zanzibar for fifteen good boatmen to act as carriers, if required, 80 pieces of merikano, 40 pieces of kimitra, 12 farasalas of the beads called jamsam, shoes, &c.; and I have written to Seyd Majid begging two of his guard to see to the safety of the goods here into Thani bin Suellim's hands or into those of Mahomed bin Saleh.

"As to the work to be done by me, it is only to connect the sources which I have discovered from 500 to 700 miles south of Speke and Baker's with their Nile. The volume of water which flows north from lat. 12° s. is so large, I suspect that I have been working at the sources of the Congo as well as those of the Nile. I have to go down the eastern line of drainage to Baker's turning-point. Tanganyika, Nyige Chowambe (Baker's?) are one water, and the head of it is 300 miles south of this. The western and central lines of drainage converge into an unvisited lake west or south-west of this. The outflow of this, whether to Congo or Nile, I have to ascertain. The people west of this, called Manyema, are cannibals, if Arabs speak truly. I may have to go there first, and down Tanganyika, if I come out uneaten, and find my new squad from Zanzibar. I earnestly hope that you will do what you can to help me with the goods and men, 400*l.*, to be sent by Mr. Young, must surely have come to you through Fleming and Co.

"P.S. A long box, paid for to Ujiji, was left at Unyanyembe, and so with other boxes."